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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLES ON CHILE:

- 1) ICJ ASSERTION ON CONTROL OF SCHOOLS AND
- 2) LETTER OF AMBASSADOR HEITMAN ON ICJ SECRETARY GENERAL'S CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY.

1. THE FOLLOWING TWO ARTICLES APPEAR IN THE DECEMBER 5 EDITION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

QUOTE. JURIST GROUP REPORTS PROOF CHILE'S JUNTA CURBS SCHOOLS.

QUOTE. GENEVA, DEC. 4--THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS SAID TODAY THAT IT HAD DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN CHILE WAS EXERCISING POLITICAL CONTROL OVER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

QUOTE. THE COMMISSION, A PRIVATE AGENCY SUPPORTED BY LAWYERS IN NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, SAID THE EVIDENCE REFUTED CHILEAN ASSERTIONS THAT ITS CHARGE THAT SUCH CONTROL EXISTED WAS A "GROTESQUE INVENTION."

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QUOTE. THE EVIDENCE, THE COMMISSION SAID, CONSISTS OF A

COPY OF CONFIDENTIAL CIRCULAR ISSUED AUG. 12 BY BRIG.
GEN. NILA FLOODY BUXTON, COMMANDER OF MILITARY INSTITUTES

IN SANTIAGO. ADDRESSED TO DIRECTORS OF ALL EDUCATIONAL
ESTABLISHMENTS IN GREATER SANTIAGO, THE CIRCULAR MAKES IT
CLEAR THAT "MILITARY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO EACH
SCHOOL," THE COMMISSION REPORTED. UNQUOTE.

2. QUOTE. CHILE: A 'MONSTROUS LIE'

QUOTE. TO THE EDITOR:

QUOTE. IN A NOV. 20 NEWS ARTICLE, THE TIMES PUBLISHED IN
PART THE STATEMENT OF NIAL MACDERMOT, SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS AND FORMER
LABOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT. THIS
STATEMENT WAS MADE DURING A HEARING OF THE COMBINED
SUBCOMMITTEES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTER-AMERICAN
AFFAIRS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE QUOTATION
IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. "IT IS PROPOSED (BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT) THAT
CHILDREN OF SUPPORTERS OF THE PREVIOUS REGIME WILL BE
TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR PARENTS AND SENT TO REHABILITATION
CAMPS. THIS IS HOW THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN CHILE
THINK TO PURIFY THEIR YOUTH."

QUOTE. IF MR. MACDERMOT HAS REALLY MADE SUCH A STATEMENT,
HE HAS COMMITTED AN ACT OF INJUSTICE WITHOUT EQUAL IN
HISTORY. WE THOROUGHLY REJECT THE ALLEGATION THAT THE
CHILEAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO SEND THE CHILDREN OF
SUPPORTERS OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT TO CAMPS OF
REHABILITATION OR OF ANY OTHER TYPE. CHILE IS NOT A
TOTALITARIAN COUNTRY, AND IF MR. MACDERMOT DREAMS OF
SYSTEMS WHICH CONFLICT WITH THE CONSCIENCES OF THE
CIVILIZED NATIONS, HE SHOULD NOT LOOK FOR THEM IN CHILE.
THE STATEMENT CONSTITUTES A MONSTROUS LIE AND AN OFFENSE
TO THE CHILEAN PEOPLE.

QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE PUBLICLY CHALLENGES
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MR. MACDERMOT TO PROVE HIS STATEMENT. IF HE DOES NOT
DEMONSTRATE IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER THE VERACITY OF HIS
ALLEGATION, THEN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION WILL HAVE
THE RIGHT TO BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THE OTHER JUDGMENTS OF
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS COULD BE EQUALLY
FALSE, BIASED AND ILL-INTENTIONED.

QUOTE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE REJECT AS RECKLESS AND ILL-

FOUNDED THE OTHER ALLEGATIONS MADE BY MR. MACDERMOT BEFORE
THE SUBCOMMITTEES. THESE CONSTITUTE A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION

OF THE LACK OF JURIDICAL RIGOR WITH WHICH HE DISCUSSES
THE CHILEAN SITUATION. WALTER HEITMANN AMBASSADOR OF
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